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Opening of Harijan Welfare schools in the Pudukkottai division of the Tiruchirappalli district.

* 601 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of Labour schools opened during the period from 1st March 1948 to 1st October 1954 by the Harijan Welfare Department in the Pudukkottai division of the Tiruchirappalli district?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Two Harijan Welfare schools were opened, one at Mullankurichi and the other at Pilaviduthi in Alangudi taluk of Tiruchirappalli district."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What percentage does it work out to in relation to the rejected applications? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I cannot say that off-hand."

Number of Harijan teachers and students in the Forest College, Coimbatore.

* 602 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students and teachers in the Forest College at Coimbatore in **1953–54** ; and

(*b*) the number of Harijans among them?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Forest College at Coimbatore is not under the Administrative control of the State Government, but is under the control of the Government of India. However, it has been ascertained that during 1953-54 there were 7 teachers and 95 students in the College, of whom 3 students were Harijans while there was no Harijan teacher."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" மூன்று ஹரிஜன மாணவர்கள்தான் மனுக்கள் அனுப்பியிருந்தார்களா ? 1953–54-ம் ஆண்டில் எத்தனை மனுக்கள் ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களிடமிருந்து வந்தன ? மற்ற மனுக்கள் ஏன் கவனிக்கப்படவில்லை ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that this is under the administrative control of the Government of India. I cannot answer supplementary questions on this. I got some information and have furnished it."

Repairs to the Puthuppalam bridge on Koppam road, Thrithala, South Malabar.

* 603 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Puthuppalam bridge for Muthuthala Thodu, Koppam road, Thrithala, South Malabar, became damaged ; and

(*b*) when it will be repaired?